

WWI Snapshot: Hiram Jerome Formyduval, 1896-1948

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Hiram Jerome Formyduval was ordered to report for duty on Aug. 7, 1918, in Southport. He served with the 4th Pioneer Infantry, serving overseas from Sept. 23, 1918, until Jan. 21, 1919.

Pvt. Formyduval returned to the United States on USS George Washington from Brest, France, on Jan. 11, 1919. The passenger list shows he was listed as Class B: walking patients requiring no dressings (source: Ancestry).

He could have been recovering from influenza, like many soldiers at the time. No records were found that offer any clues.

He was honorably discharged on April 25, 1919, indicating he required four months to recover.



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Hiram Formyduval in his uniform.

Hiram Jerome Formyduval passed away in 1948 at age 51. His obituary is shown below:

Waccamaw Man Dies Wednesday

Hiram Jerome Formyduval died at home following cerebral hemorrhage; funeral services Thursday.

Stricken with cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday night of last week, Hiram Jerome Formyduval, veteran of World War I, died at his home near Freeland shortly after noon

Formyduval, Hiram Jerome		4,241, 689	1
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White *Colored
Residence: Starr Route	Ash	Brunswick	NORTH CAROLINA
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C.	* Inducted at South port N C	on Aug 7, 1918	
Place of birth: Ash N C	Age or date of birth: 22 1/12 Yrs		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:			
Co # 4 Pion Inf to disch			
Grades, with date of appointment:			
Pvt			
Engagements:			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.			
Served overseas from † Sept 23/18 † Jan 21/19, from † to †			
Honorably discharged on demobilization Apr 25/19, 1919			
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0, 1919 per cent disabled.			
Remarks:			
Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.			

Photos contributed

NC Service Card for Hiram Formyduval.

last Wednesday.

He was born and reared in Brunswick County, one of the sons of the late Tobias and Armacie [sic] Formyduval of Waccamaw Township.

Burial was held at the family cemetery at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, following services at the home.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. P. M. Williamson Formyduval, three daughters, Mrs. Teva Sellers of Wilmington, Mrs. Helene Hill of Myrtle Beach, and Miss Hazel Formyduval of Freeland; three brothers, A.B., O.P., and P.D. Formyduval of Freeland; two sisters, Mrs. S.K. Babson of Ash and Mrs. Lum Wright of Freeland, and three grandchildren.

He was laid to rest at Wright Cemetery in Ash. His wife applied for a military headstone (see photo).

(Source: The State Port Pilot, May, 12, 1948, p.1.)

If you would like to help us honor Hiram Jerome Formyduval or another Brunswick County WWI veteran, email the Friends of Ft. Caswell Rifle Range at ftcaswellriflerange@gmail.com or go to caswellriflerange.com.

Funds continue to be sent to

support the historical preservation of the 1918 World War I Fort Caswell Rifle Range Memorial and the book featuring all the men and women who served in the Great War from Brunswick County. Send donations to Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, 5 Foxfire Trace, Caswell Beach, NC 28465.

At present, a publisher is working on the book that hopefully will be ready by Veterans Day, 2020.



Headstone of Hiram Formyduval.